

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Congress, by Joint Resolution, has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"; and,

Whereas, People with disabilities reflect the diversity of our state and members of every race, color, creed, and national origin, and offer varied and multiple proficiencies and competencies;

Whereas, We recognize the many contributions citizens with disabilities make to our society, and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting them in achieving full inclusion in our workforce; and,

Whereas, People living with disabilities still encounter challenges to their full participation in society; however, working together to open doors, we can help fulfill the promise of our state by encouraging people living with disabilities to learn and develop skills, engage in productive work, make choices about their daily lives, and participate fully in their communities; and,

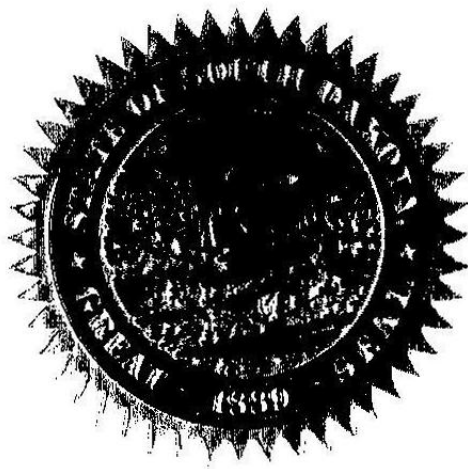
Whereas, South Dakota recognizes the need to further assure its policies, practices, support services, and new technologies allow all citizens, those with and without disabilities, to enjoy the healthiest quality of life with confidence, independence, and hope for a brighter future:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH


in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that support and promote providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State